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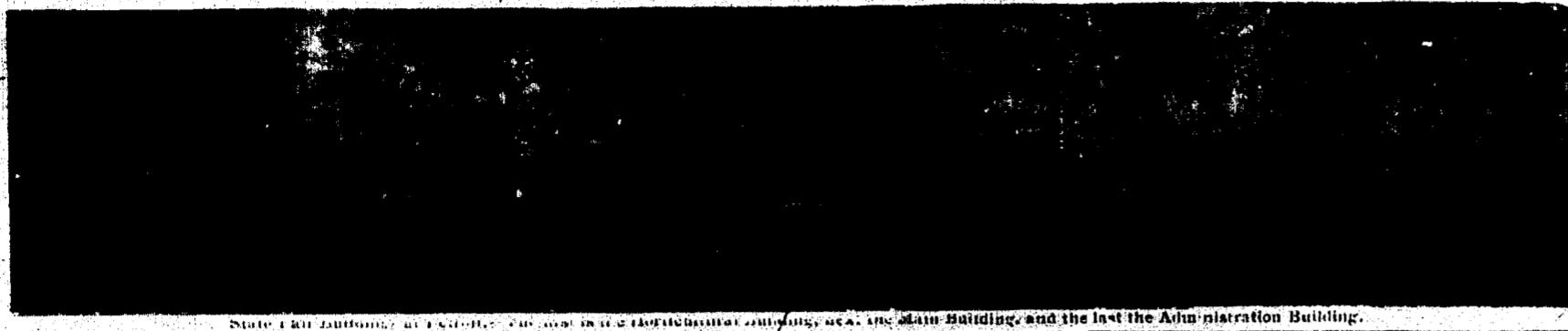
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A Birdseye View of the State Fair Grounds and Midway, at Detroit, during a recent fair.

\$2,000 EACH NIGHT.

Paine's Great Display of Fireworks and War Spectacle.

One of the principal attractions at the coming state fair in Detroit, Sept. 3rd to 11th, is the great Paine's fireworks and spectacle and Manhattan Beach display of fireworks.

"Sheridan's Ride and the Battle of Cedar Creek" is the most stupendous, thrilling and realistic war spectacle ever presented by the great firework king, Henry J. Paine. The characters represented are: General Sheridan and General Wright, U. S. A.; General Lee and General Early of the Confederate army, staff officers, signal corps, civilians, etc. The synopsis and incidents are: Camp Fire—Negro melodies and special diversions—Discovery of spy; papers found. Signals from the mountains. Distant firing. Signaling. Confederates open fire on buildings. United States troops move forward. Papers found. Despatch of messenger. Troops retreating. Artillery in distress. Distant movements. All in life and animation. "Sheridan is coming!" Sheridan and staff dash on; the rout is turned into victory. Final tableau.

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STATE FAIR RAILROAD RATES.

The Michigan Passenger Association, which governs the granting of special rates on all railroads, has decided that the rate of fare this year for the state fair at Detroit, Sept. 3rd to 11th, will be one and two-thirds one way fare.

That means that if the regular railroad fare from your station to Detroit and return is \$3 (seventy-five miles), the ratio to the state fair this year will be \$7.146.327. It will be seen, therefore, that the fiscal year exceeds the calendar year by over \$3,000,000.

The nearest approach to the splendid total of the fiscal year now closed was made by the figures for the calendar year ended December 31st, last, the aggregate for that period being \$7,146,327.

It will be \$1.50 and returning \$1, or \$2.50. Last year the rate was three cents per mile on most of the roads, and the railroads gave a rate of one-half fare, which for the distance mentioned above the fare would have been \$2.25 for the round trip, and in order to get that rate it was necessary to pay a state fair ticket at fifty cents, which was attached to the railroad ticket. It may be seen that the rate is twenty-five cents higher this year, but the state fair coupon will be eliminated from the railroad ticket.

Admission tickets to the state fair will be placed on sale in most of the newspaper offices in the state at the rate of thirty-five cents each or three for \$1. These will go on sale early in July and will be withdrawn Aug. 11th.

This is the first time in the history of the state fair that tickets have been placed on sale out in the state at reduced rates. Orders for tickets, if received prior to Aug. 25th, will also be filled by mail on receipt of the above price by L. H. Butterfield, secretary, Detroit, Mich.

The races on the state fair grounds will be the fastest in the history of the association. \$5,000 have been awarded entirely rebuilding and resurfacing the track, and it is today now believed one of the fastest and best tracks in the United States, and with \$12,000 hung up for purse and the patient which have already been received, it is apparent that the best races ever held in the state of Michigan will be seen on the state fair grounds during the next state fair.

I once knew a New York man who drank entirely too much. His doctor, in order to moderate his tippling a little, ordered him to take more light beer and less strong wine—to every quart of beer not more than a pint of wine on the outside.

The patient said to me one evening a week afterward, "I'd be ready for a bottle of champagne."

"What a hero! I've drunk eight glasses of beer to-day, and now I've got to get away with four glasses of wine. Doctor's orders."

PATIENT Felt Bound to Take Alcoholic Stimulant Directed.

The condition as compared with an average in the southern counties is 80, in the central and northern counties 87 and in the State 83. The condition one year ago in the southern counties was 90, in the central counties 86, in the northern counties 86 and in the State 80.

DRANS.

The condition of beans compared with an average per cent in the southern counties is 75; in the central counties 83; in the northern counties 93 and in the State 84. The condition one year ago in the State and southern counties was 91, in the central counties 90 and in the northern counties 82.

SUGAR BEETS.

The condition as compared with an average in the southern counties is 80, in the central and northern counties 87 and in the State 83. The condition one year ago in the southern counties was 90, in the central counties 86 and in the State 80.

CHOCOLATE.

The yield per acre of clover hay in tons, in the southern counties is 1.40, in the central counties 1.63, in the northern counties 1.42 and in the State 1.33.

TIMBER.

The yield per acre of timothy hay in tons, in the southern counties is 1.39, in the central counties 1.37, in the northern counties 1.32 and in the State 1.34.

MICHIGAN CROP REPORT

For August 1st, and note the standing of our Section of the State.

Lansing, Mich., Aug. 1, 1908.

The lack of rain during the month of July has caused severe damage to corn, beans, potatoes, sugar beets and pastures, their condition being below that of one year ago.

Correspondents throughout the State very generally report wheat of excellent quality and the yield considerably above the average. The coat of white paint, which adds very materially to their attractiveness. To cover these buildings with paint requires a large force of men and many barrels of paint. While the work was commenced early in the season, it will not be completed before Sept. 1st.

MAKING A WHITE CITY.

The state fair buildings are undergoing a great transformation scene this year. All the buildings are receiving a coat of white paint, which adds very materially to their attractiveness. To cover these buildings with paint requires a large force of men and many barrels of paint. While the work was commenced early in the season, it will not be completed before Sept. 1st.

STATE FAIR VISITORS.

Those who contemplate attending the state fair from out in the state will be interested in knowing that they can check their wraps, umbrellas, lunches, packages, etc., just inside the gate of the main entrance.

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THE DOCTOR HAD ORDERED.

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Capt. George H. Knox, the richest

officer in the United States army, is

an advocate of temperance. At Fort

McIntosh, in a talk with some pri-

vates, he said, recently:

"Of course, if men want to drink,

they can always find some excuse for

drinking.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

I wish to announce to the public

that I have opened a shop in the Kraus

building on Main street, where I am

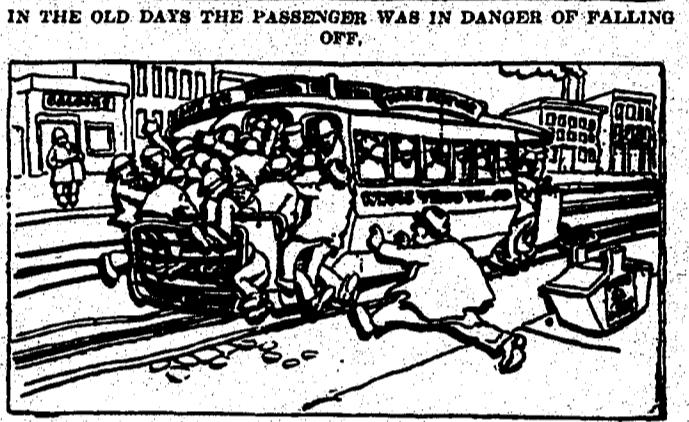


Three hundred years ago Samuel de Champlain, the French explorer, founded the settlement of Quebec. In commemoration of its tercentenary the city of Quebec recently had the greatest celebration in its history, and one of the greatest ever held in the New World. The city gave itself up to festivities for ten days, and Canadians of both British and French ancestry joined in making the event one to be remembered. The celebration was attended by the Prince of Wales, by representatives from all the principal governments and by the greatest collection of warships, comprising English, French and American vessels that ever gathered in the St. Lawrence river. The United States was represented by Vice President Fairbanks and Rear Admiral W. S. Cowles, brother-in-law of the President.

Civil, religious, military and naval authorities participated in the various ceremonies and festivities. There were huge and costly pageants, fêtes, military parades and naval reviews to charm both eye and ear. The celebration was attended by nearly all Canada, and thousands of expatriated Canadians gathered from the va-

rious foreign countries in which they have made their homes. The landing of Champlain on the shore of the St. Lawrence and his selection of the spot on which Quebec, the oldest French settlement in Canada, is built, were reproduced. A great historical pageant was given, illuminated floats representing different events in the history of Quebec. There were parades in which the various crack Canadian regiments took part. Premier Laurier and other noted speakers made addresses. There was a review of the English, French and United States vessels in the St. Lawrence river. Thanksgiving mass was held on the Plains of Abraham by the Catholics of the city, headed by the Canadian primate, and thanksgiving services were held in the Episcopal cathedral. There was a great shore parade and a scene enacted representing the landing of Wolfe's force, the ascent up the heights and the battle of the Plains of Abraham. Then farewells were exchanged and the British squadron took its departure. The next day the French vessels followed suit, and finally the New Hampshire heaved anchor and bade farewell to Quebec.

Evolution of the Street Car



Three hundred years ago an English coal miner laid some wooden beams in the muddy road leading from his colliery, for the wheels of his coal carts to run on; the other day a coal mine owner from the same country boarded an electric car in New York and made a tour of the subway. The boards in the muddy road were the ancestors of that street car, writes B. R. Wilson.

The little expedient of the English miner, which made heavy hauling light, marked the beginning of the "trolley," the great-grandfather of the railway, the thing which made street cars possible. These wooden beams served their purpose very well until they began to wear out. Inventive genius was equal to the occasion; the wooden beams were plated with iron. Thin iron bands were fastened to the top of the beam to take the wear of the cart wheels. This was all right as far as the top was concerned, but the wooden beams rotted on the bottom; so they made them out of iron entirely and laid them on short pieces of wood which could be cheaply replaced when they rotted. To keep the wheels of the coal carts from running off the rails was the next problem, and they solved it by putting flanges on the outer sides of the rail. In 1780 William Jessop, the father of the street railway, took the flanges off the rails and put them on the cart wheels and the real evolution of the street car began.

The Omnibus Car.

A clumsy omnibus car drawn by horses made trips over this railway, carrying passengers. The car was a big stage coach, or rather three stage coaches in one, for there were three compartments, each of which resembled a small stage coach, and it had

Sprague's electric railway, however, was about twenty years old, and it was filled with numerous attempts to help the eager passengers to hurry. The first cable road was laid in San Francisco in 1873 by Andrew S. Hallidie. Henry Root, Asa E. Hoey and William Eppelheimer. The originator of the idea, however, was E. S. Gardner, of Philadelphia, who suggested the plan some time prior to the actual building.

The cable served its useful purpose for eighteen years, when it was electrified by the motor car promoters; that

they never passed beyond the experimental stage.

The real beginning of the American electric street railway system was the Union Passenger Railway of Richmond, Va., equipped by Lient. Sprague and opened for service on the first day of February, 1888. It was a "trolley" line—"trolley" is the word in use now. City officials soon saw the danger of overhead wires in the crowded city, and their precautions led to the underground system, a system that is familiar to all, for examples good and bad are on constant exhibition in the streets of our cities and even in the towns that are just growing into cities.

Eccentric Stamp.

"The fascination of stamp collecting," said a postal official, "lies in the rare 'finds' which are continually made and the curious points which sometimes make a stamp of the face value of a few pence worth hundreds of pounds. For instance, the two-pence blue Mauritius stamp which the Prince of Wales bought at a public auction for £1,450 was unique in one respect—the proper wording on it. 'Post Paid Mauritius' had by a strange error been altered to 'Post Office Mauritius.'

Another stamp which has been priced at several hundred pounds is valuable for the mere misspelling of a single word. It is a British Guiana issue worth just 1 cent, but it is sought after by all collectors because the word 'Patumusque' figures on it instead of 'Patumusque.'

"Again, a one-penny Cape of Good Hope stamp changed hands the other day for nearly £200 simply because instead of being red, as are all the others of this issue, its color was blue.

"Some years ago in Western Australia a few stamps were printed with the figure of a swan upside down upon them. When the mistake was detected the issue was hastily destroyed. Several specimens had escaped, and one of them has been sold for £400."—London Tit-Bits.

People are never content for the same reason that a sheep never has feathers.

Money is the root of much evil when it gets into a man's fashionable wife.



The name "John Mason" painted above the center door.

About twenty years later the first avenue street railway was built and the street car craze began. It really amounted to a craze, for thirty street car companies began business during the next five years. During the ten years from 1890 to 1890 eighty-five street railways were built. The census twenty years later showed 769 street railways in operation. In two years this number increased to 872.

The street railway was a success, therefore it was the object of various attempts at improvement, for in America, whatever is a success must be improved. People wanted to go faster than the one poor horse could pull the car, and so many were satisfied to go slow that the little car the one horse pulled would not hold them all. They made larger cars and hitched two horses to them, but two horses could not go any faster than one horse since they had doubled the size of the car; so inventive genius kept the patent office up nights examining their claims for improvements in street railways.

The most popular of these improvements were the "dummies," steam engines mounted on wheels and boxed up to make them attractive. Their popularity was short-lived in the cities, however, but suburbanites consented to ride behind them long after they had disappeared from the city streets. But until Lieut. Frank G. Sprague, U. S. N. (resigned), built the first successful electric railway in 1888, the "dummies" were the only things the suburbanites had to ride behind.

The gap between the "dummies" and

electric conductor rails were strung in the cable conduit and the wire rope hauled out. The dynamo had been perfected and electricity was a commercial motive power; therefore, the electric street railway of 1888 was a success. Before that, attempts had been made to operate street cars by various kinds of magnetic engines. In 1883 Thomas Davenport, a blacksmith, built a railway in Springfield, Mass., over which he operated a car driven by an electric magnet motor, and twelve years later Prof. James Clark brought out another electro-magnetic motor but it never ran a fashionable wife.



Popular Pulpit

TO AID OTHERS.

By Rev. George T. Dowling. I sat where they sat.—Ezekiel 3:15. You do not want your life to be a cipher. You want to help some one and you do not know how. You have very little money to give, perhaps none at all; very little influence, very little of anything. But you have more than you think. You have the possibility of the most valuable equipment that any man ever had. Here was Ezekiel. He was a youth just starting in the nobility of all callings, that of a preacher. Yet God held him back until he had cultivated what you may cultivate. He had made all intellectual preparation. He had absorbed the message that he was to deliver to those poor captives down there by the waters of Babylon. In his oriental manner of expressing it, he had "eaten" the roll on which the message was written. Still God held him back. There was one more thing which was absolutely necessary. He had to put himself in their place. Then but not till then, he was prepared for his work.

What is the greatest underlying need in the commercial world to-day? It is not simply wages. Men are having larger wages than they have ever had in the history of mankind. It is more sympathy. It is a greater willingness on the part of those in position and power to enter into real appreciation of the trials and anxieties of those whom they control. It is a greater willingness on the part of the employee to realize that his employer as well as he has sleepless nights, too, and thus, just as often as he can, to give him credit for at least trying, amid many perplexities of his own, to do his best.

Why is it that one preacher will

reach a multitude and the other will not? That is a question which it is seldom easy to answer, because there is no "secret" of success unless we use the nebulous term "personality," and that does not answer. For who can tell us what personality is? The "secrets" are multiplex, and many of them escape analysis. But among them all, in the successful preacher we shall always find this: When he looks over his congregation on Sunday morning, he has compassion on the multitude as Jesus did; he puts himself in their place. No man with a heart in him can be formal or cold or unimpressive when he can say to himself at such a time and feel it: "Here is a company of struggling men and women, each one the center of a history, each one in some undefinable way longing to be better than he is, each one stinging his own soul, and fighting his own battle. And each one of these trouble-tossed men and women is silently pleading for some word of courage and hope." That is the "secret," if there is any secret.

And this same "secret" of influence runs all through life. Whether our pulpit is in the church or the workshop, the schoolhouse or the home, we can never really help others until by the power of just such sympathy as the Master Himself felt we have put ourselves in their places. Thus one teacher in the school is more successful than the other. They may have the same equipment and often have, but the first has learned in spirit to become a little child, to sit where they sit.

You want to help somebody. Then learn to sit where he sits. The last thing that the good Samaritan gave was his money.

GOODNESS.

By Henry F. Cope. Who is he that will harm you if ye followers of that which is good?"—I Peter 3:13.

Some men hope to become good by going to church just as others hope to become wise by sleeping in a college dormitory.

Goodness is an acquisition, but it is not an imposition; it is gained, but it is not laid on any one. Saints are not made by sleeping in sanctified places any more than beauty may be gained by sleeping near some great painting.

The trouble with many people who think they want to be good is that they would be good if they could be good without its making any real difference to them. Goodness seems to be a matter of disposition or of accident, highly desirable as a gift, but not sufficiently worth while to pay a good price for.

Of course, there are many who would buy goodness at any price nor take it as a gift. To them it is wholly undesirable, it is synonymous with weakness, often with cant and hypocrisy. Yet the life of goodness is simply the life that sets the good above goods, the life that seeks the things that are supremely good, not for itself alone but for all.

Goodness is not a weak, sentimental feeling that comes over one when certain hymns are being sung or when the music of the organ rolls through the dim aisles of the great cathedral. Neither is goodness simply the negation of evil. A good man is infinitely better than a statue, though he may have some bad habits while the statue certainly has none.

Goodness is the determined search of the life for the highest good. Goodness is the power in character which is like health in the body; the result of right nutrition, proper labor, exercise and high thinking. It is seen in strength and not in weakness, in positive elements rather than in negative; it makes more of a man and not less.

Goodness is manifest in the qualities of healthiness of the inner life, in tastes that crave the good and loathe the evil, that love truth and hate a lie, in habits and aptitudes that make themselves known in a thousand little ways rather than in single acts and in attitudes of professed piety.

No man can ever be great who is not willing that many should think little of him.

He who runs away from all sorrow is ultimately drowned in the slough of despair.

You will find nothing of the divine if you refuse to obey the voice of every duty.

The more I gain in self-confidence the greater my losses in public confidence.

up the badness of the bad. Character is a light that sets itself up where all may see it. What you are always proclaiming itself so much more loudly and clearly than what you want folks to think you are that there is little chance of mistake.

But if one would find this life of goodness, how shall it be had? It is had as the physical goodness which we call health is to be had, by right living, right habits, right nutrition. Every act done because we know it is the good thing to do from the high motive of its moral and spiritual values is a contribution to the life of goodness. Steadily choosing the best of all things is the way to the possession of the best always.

The good life is as much a matter of the bad as the bad one. Every act determines habit. It is no use sighing for the life of goodness while persisting in the deeds of darkness. Neither may we find that life while cherishing the thoughts of evil; you cannot be hosts to devils within and hope to shine as an angel of light without.

The life of goodness is not for the pious prig. The man who thinks that he is only in good and all others are hopelessly bad is about the only hopeless case the moral physician meets. One has to believe in the good in others to find the good in himself. We are never any better in ourselves than we believe others to be.

Life's highest prizes have high prices, yet they are its greatest bargains. No possession is so well worth the gaining as this of goodness, the clean heart, the clever eye, the keen taste for the right and true, the high delight in that which is best, the love of the things that have come down to us as the great heritage of our past, the labor for the future that gives before.

After all, this right life may be the most that any one can give to his world. The grandest contribution to the physical well-being of the race is to be well and strong yourself. The finest contribution to the moral and spiritual wealth of our times is to cultivate this life of normal soul health. He who thus is strong gives strength and is fit to give good service to all.

THE GIFTS OF THE LORD.

By Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon.

Text: "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."—Job 1:21.

Some of the rarest pearls have been found in the deepest waters, and some of the choicest utterances of believers have come from them when God's waves and billows have been made to roll over them. The fire consumed nothing but the dross, and leaves the gold all the purer. In Job's case, I may truly say, with regard to his position before God, he had lost nothing by all his losses, for what could be purer and brighter gold than this which gleams before us from our text, revealing his triumphant patience, his complete acquiescence in the divine will? "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

If we are believers, all the comforts and mercies that we have are to be viewed by us as coming from the hand of our gracious Heavenly Father. Job confessed that the Lord had given him his seven sons and three daughters; everything which he had ever possessed He held upon his head to the Democratic nomination the formal letter of notification signed by all the members of the committee. Mr. Bryan then replied and the ceremony was closed by a short speech by John W. Kern, the vice presidential nominee.

Raps at Republicans.

Here are some of the raps given Republicans by Mr. Bryan in his speech of acceptance:

"Our platform declares that the overshadowing issue is, Shall the people control their own government and use it for the protection of their rights, or shall the representatives of predatory wealth prey upon a defenseless public? This is the issue raised by the known abuses to which Mr. Taft refers."

"Why were these known abuses permitted to develop? Can Mr. Taft promise to be more strenuous in the prosecution of wrongdoers than the present executive? Does he need more Republicans in the House or a Speaker with more unlimited authority?"

"The Republican party * * * can not attack wrongdoing in high places without disgracing many of its prominent members and it, therefore, uses opiates instead of the surgeon's knife."

"For a generation the Republican party has drawn its campaign funds from the beneficiaries of special legislation. Privileges have been pledged and granted in return for money contributed to demands elections. What can be expected when official authority is turned over to the representatives who first furnish the sinews of war and then reimburse themselves out of the pockets of the taxpayers?"

"Only those are worthy to be intrusted with leadership in a great cause who are willing to die for it!"

New for Homemade Ice.

The Technical World Magazine has an article describing a new hand-power ice machine invented in France, which solves the problem of producing ice in small quantities in the home quickly and cheaply. The important feature is the cylinder in which the chemicals are sealed—the latter not requiring renewal, and lasting as long as the machine—and which revolving in water, produces the ice. It can also produce cold air. It is a double wall tin vessel, holding five gallons. The freezing process is brought about by the gradual automatic admixture of carbonic acid into the hollow space between the walls and thence by a cross tube into the interior. The cold thus released from its reservoir suddenly expands and causes the lowering of the temperature.

Simple Tuberculosis Diagnosis.

Dr. Bourrill of Paris has established a very simple and practical method by means of which any one may diagnose a case of tuberculosis at a stage earlier than it is capable of being detected by the ordinary clinical methods. It is to measure the chest at extreme inspiration and at extreme expiration. If the difference is greater than 1 1/2 inches the disease has already gained a foothold. This was determined by examining in this way thousands of women and men who were seeking employment.

Managers of the New Theater.

The founders of the "new theater" at New York, which aims to be the representative national theater of America, have chosen Winthrop Ames of Boston as director, Lee Shubert as business manager and John Corbin as literary manager.

Americans Olympic Victors.

The American team of athletes sent to the Olympic games in England have totalled 115 points to England's 84 and Sweden's 11, not counting the various contests in which only Englishmen entered.

W. J. BRYAN IS TOLD OF HIS NOMINATION.

Democratic Candidate is Formally Notified at the Nebraska State Capitol.

RAPS AT THE REPUBLICANS.

Says the overshadowing issue of the Campaign Is "Shall the People Rule?"

Lincoln (Neb.) correspondence:

With a salute of forty-six guns, one for each State, given at daybreak Wednesday, Lincoln began the Bryan notification program. The city was astir early and there were still a number of decorations being put in place while the visitors were arriving. The trolley cars at Fairview were crowded all the morning and the automobile people were doing an active business, but the larger number of the visitors remained in the city looking at the various points of interest and especially at the State Capitol grounds where the notification ceremony was held.

It was 2 o'clock when Chairman Mack of the national committee introduced Representative Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama, chairman of the notification committee, following prayer by the Rev. Father John F. Nugent of Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Clayton notified Mr. Bryan of his nomination in a seven-minute speech, at the conclusion

THE WEEKLY HISTORIAN



1828—Earl of Douglas killed and "Hotspur" taken prisoner at battle of Otterburn.

At Manna a Bush.
Postmaster General Meyer, discussing the new two-cent letter rate to Great Britain, said that it would enormously increase the postal business.

"The mail bags will fill quickly when this rate goes into effect," said Mr. Meyer. "If such a rush of business had attended on the Nola Clucky post-office, the old Nola Clucky postmaster's ways would have escaped notice."

"Some years ago an old fellow was appointed postmaster of the small village of Nola Clucky. A number of weeks passed, and the Nola Cluckyans and their friends began to complain about the mails. And no wonder. The postmaster, it seems, had sent out no mail since his entrance into office. An inspector investigating the matter, pointed to the 100 or more dusty letters that the postmaster had kept by him, and said, sternly:

"Why on earth, sir, didn't you let these go?"

"I was waitin'," said the old man, "till I got the bug full!"

Nosy Envelope.

Capt. Pritchard, of the record-breaking Mauritania, told a group of Americans on recent voyage that a sailor's life was a hard one.

"It is not so hard as it used to be before the coming of steam," he said, "but it is still fearfully hard, for all that. In fact, I never heard of one man who had a decent excuse for going to sea."

"And who was he, captain?" said a Chicagoan.

"Noah," the captain answered. "For if the old fellow had remained on shore he would have been drowned."

Explained.

"They don't care for expense here," said the regular summer boarder at the summer resort hotel. "When you call for lemonade they give you a stalk or two of macaroni in it instead of a straw."

"I was just wondering," observed the new boarder, after a pause, "why this baked macaroni tastes so strongly of lemon juice."—Chicago Tribune.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY



This woman says that after months of suffering Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound made her well as ever.

Maud E. Eorgie, of Leesburg, Va., writes to Mrs. Pinkham:

"I want other suffering women to know what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. For months I suffered from feminine ill so that I thought I could not live. I wrote you, and after taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and using the treatment you prescribed I feel like a new woman. I am now strong, and well never, and thank you for the good you have done me."

FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.

For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, that bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness or nervous prostration. Why don't you try it?

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

EXPECTANCY OF LIFE.

How Many More Years Do You Think You Will Live?

Of 100,000 male and female children selected at random, nearly one-tenth died the first month. The number living at the end of the month was 90,306. At the end of the second month 87,336 were living. At the end of the third, 80,175; at the end of the fourth, 74,720; at the end of the fifth, 63,871; at the end of the sixth, 52,520; and at the end of the first year, 77,528. The next four years reduces the number to 62,448, which shows that 37,552 die before the completion of the fifth year.

At the end of twenty-five years, 49,955 remain; at fifty-two years, 33,334; at fifty-eight and one-half years, 25,800; at sixty-seven years, 20,000; at seventy-six years, 10,000; at eighty-one years, 5,000; while between that age and 100 all but die.

From statistics of insurance companies, it would appear that if a boy lives until he is 10 years of age, he may reasonably expect to live fifty years longer. At 15 he may expect to live 46.8 years; at 20, 45 years; at 25, 30.5 years; at 30, 35.8 years; at 35, 32.2 years; at 40, 28.5 years; at 45, 24.8 years; at 50, 21.2 years; at 55, 17.8 years; at 60, 14.6 years; at 65, 11.6 years; at 70, 9 years; at 75, 6.3 years; at 80, 4.8 years; at 85, 3.4 years; at 90, 2.2 years.

Girls of 10 may expect to live forty-eight years. From this time until they are 40 their expectations are a little less than those of a man. From 40 to 63 a woman has a little better chance than a man, and at 53 both may expect to live 19.15 years. Then her chances diminish more rapidly than a man's until at 90 she may expect to live only 1.56 years longer.

Unreasonable.

Mr. Bluesock (monthly)—This is the fourth time this week we've had dinner beef and cabbage, Maria, and I'm just a little tired of it.

Mrs. B.—I'm sure, Thomas, you're very unreasonable. You know I've had to correct the proof-sheets of my new book, "One Hundred Dainty Dishes, Lunches and Suppers."

Hesitantly.

He—I wish that you were poor, so that you would be willing to marry me. She—Evidently I am far more generous than you. I wish you were rich, so that I might be willing to marry you.

SELF DELUSION.

Many People Deceived by Coffee. We like to defend our indulgences and habits even though we may be convinced of their actual harmfulness.

A man can convince himself that whisky is good for him on a cool morning, or beer on a hot summer day—when he wants the whisky or beer!

It's the same with coffee. Thousands of people suffer headache and nervousness year after year but try to persuade themselves the cause is not coffee—because they like coffee.

"While yet a child I commenced using coffee and continued it," writes a Wis. man, "until I was a regular coffee fiend. I drank it every morning and in consequence had a blinding headache nearly every afternoon."

"My folks thought it was coffee that killed me, but I liked it and would not admit it was the cause of my trouble, so I stuck to coffee and the headaches stuck to me."

"Finally, the folks stopped buying coffee and brought home some Postum. They made it right (directions on pkg.) and told me to see what a difference it would make with my head, and during that first week on Postum my old affliction did not bother me once. From that day to this we have used nothing but Postum in place of coffee—headaches are a thing of the past and the whole family is in fine health."

"Postum looks good, smells good, tastes good, is good, and does good to the whole body." "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Well-Being," in page 1.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

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Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, AUG. 20

Local and Neighbored News.

Take Notice.

The date following your address on this paper shows to what time your subscription is paid. Our terms are \$1.50 per year IN ADVANCE. If your time is up, please renew promptly. A X following your name means we want our money.

All advertisements, communications, correspondences, etc., must reach us by Tuesday noon, and can not be considered later.

Grange Picnic to-day, near Cheney. Don't miss it.

Beat Dairy Butter, 22 cents per pound at the Bank Grocery.

Special bargains in houses and vacant lots. Apply to Chas. S. Clark. Simpson is selling shoes cheap. Your choice for \$1.00.

A good cow for sale. Fresh the last of May. Enquire at this office.

Discovered that the place to get shoes is at Simpson's.

Geo. L. Alexander is improving his house with a new kind of shingles.

Miss Lula Rouse of Bay City is visiting her many friends here this week.

Seeing is believing. Go to Simpson's and see the good shoes he is selling cheap.

My house and lots for sale for \$300 cash. No agent, address me direct. Flora M. Marvin, Pasco, Wash.

The 39th annual reunion of the Fifth Michigan Infantry will be held at Saginaw August 26th and 27th.

Dr. Donald Mc Donald, the Detroit specialist, will be at the New Russell Hotel to-morrow, August 21st.

School will soon begin, and then it means shoes for the boy and girl.

M. SIMPSON.

L. T. Wright is so improved in health as to be able to walk on the streets, which is a pleasure to his many friends.

Miss Mamie Vreiken and her sister of Bay City is visiting Miss Katherine McPeak here for a few days.

Mr. Spinney will be at the Depot Hotel Thursday, August, 27th, from 2 to 9 p.m. Read his ad.

When you see anything you want photographed send for Wingard, "the picture man."

The Representatives of the Danish Young People's Society are attending the convention at Manistee this week.

Don't forget to go and hear the concert to-morrow night at the Opera House.

Miss Frances Wingard and brother, Willie returned from their pleasure visit near Roscommon, Friday.

Use Eureka Egg Preservative and save money. It is a sure thing. For sale at the Central Drug store.

WANTED—10,000 men, women and children to have photos taken by Wingard, "the picture man."

For first-class lunches at reasonable prices, go to Cullen's Restaurant, opposite S. H. Co's store.

For sewing machines, the best in the market, and at the lowest price call at the AVALANCHE office.

For Sale—A good framed house, eight rooms, with four lots' barn and fence, for \$1,000. Enquire at this office.

If you are thinking of a tubular well or wind mill, give us a call at the Kraus building on Main street.

F. R. DICKINSON.

Grayling Big Team crosses bats with the Gately's of Saginaw, Aug. 22d and 23d. These games promise to be the heat and fastest played this season.

Miss Lilian Bates visited with her cousins at Gaylord last week. Misses Marguerite and Donna Hoyt returned with her and are spending a few days with her at Portage lake.

The ice cream social which was held at Mr. L. B. Merrill's on Tuesday evening, August 11th, was a great success. The proceeds were \$9.65.

Everybody go and hear the Grayling Concert Company at the Opera House to-morrow night. Tickets for reserved seats on sale at Lewis & Co., Drug store.

The proposition to bond Higgins township for the sum of \$9,500 to be used in repairing gravel roads was under consideration "adopted" at the special election held here last Monday for that purpose, there being only 4 defective votes out of the 98 that were cast.—Roscommon News.

Mr. H. J. Osborne expects to close out his millinery business and move to Mackinaw City in the very near future. All parties having accounts at her store are kindly requested to call and settle the same at their earliest convenience.

Mr. Henry Kyne, of South Branch, is enjoying a grand visit with his sister, from New Jersey. They had not met before since they were girls together, and are making up for all the good times they had lost.

Mrs. Mary Valed, of Beaver Creek, was thrown from her carriage and considerably bruised, last Friday, though happily not seriously injured. Her team was frightened by an auto near her home, and became unmanageable.

As we go to press we learn that Claude Dunn's little son is seriously ill.

J. C. Osborne was down from Mackinaw City, to spend Sunday with his family.

Joe Kraus returned Monday from a three weeks vacation at Detroit and Lansing.

Geo. D. Palmer, Supt. of the tungsten plant, spent Sunday at his home in Toledo.

Mr. Geo. F. Owen and Mr. T. E. Douglas of Dowell came down Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Parsons of Bay City are visiting relatives and friends here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wingard and family are attending the Patrons Rally and Grange Picnic today near Cheney.

Mr. Van Dean of Bay City is visiting here this week with friends. He is always a welcome visitor here.

EXCURSION

Sunday, August 26th. Via Michigan Central to East Jordan \$6.00. Train leaves 9:15 a. m. Lewiston 50c. Train leaves 6:30 a. m. Indian River 90c. Mackinaw City \$1.35. Mackinaw Island \$1.65. Train leaves at 6:30 a. m. returning same day.

Our people are on the tip toe of expectation over the concert to be given at the Opera House, to-morrow evening, by the Grayling Concert Co. The program promises an evening of real musical enjoyment, and we hope the house will be crowded to its utmost capacity.

Again we are in the field with our threshing outfit. We are ready to do threshing, clover hulling, and hay pressing in first class style. Any farmer will profit by inquiring of Feldhauser Bros., before promising their jobs to other parties.

Yours Respectfully,

FELDHAUSER BRO'S.

Sheriff Atkinson returned from the Convention at Menominee last week of Prosecuting Attorneys and Sheriffs and reports one of the most interesting meetings possible, as well as an enjoyable outing. He was seated one of the board of directors for the ensuing year. Manistee delegates secured the 1909 meeting for their city.

The "Old Man" with his brother, W. W. Palmer and his nephew, H. E. Barlow, both of Chicago, who have been visiting here, are in Hudson this week, for a Homecoming celebration. Their lives were all spent in that city up to manhood, and they expect to meet many of their old boy friends and live over again the days of Lang Syne. They are expected back today.

Perry Ostrander is looking over Carford, Otsego and Montmorency counties in the interest of the Grange Insurance proposition, which is a fine thing for the Farmers as it is safe and economical. It also gives him a chance to keep watch of his political fences and see that none of the opposition get into his preserves. The situation seems extremely favorable for him thus far.

R. Hanson & Sons have started to erect their new band mill near the Y. The mill will have a capacity of about 40,000 feet.

Mr. F. C. Jennings was elected delegate to the Annual Conference of the M. P. Church at Lansing, August 26th 31st.

Rev. S. H. Cunningham leaves on Monday to attend the Annual Conference of the M. P. Church, August 26th to 31st, at Lansing, Mich.

The Roscommon News entered upon its 35th year of life last week and is a clean, wide-awake infant. May it live long and prosper.

Mr. Osborne is closing out her millinery, so as to go to Mackinaw. Our people would be willing that the change should fail through and leave her here.

There will be a regular meeting of Marvins Post No. 240 Saturday evening. All members are requested to be present.

A. L. POND, Advt.

Mrs. Julia Ingles was here last week and conducted the examination of teachers in the absence of the County Superintendent. She is always a welcome visitor here, whether official or otherwise.

The new I. O. O. F. hall is rapidly being erected. The building is far enough along so that the people can see the architectural beauty, which is an honor to that Lodge.

The "Best Band" is tooting for blood. Last Friday's concert was a dandy, and if they do not bring home trophies from the tournament at Lansing, we will be surprised. They will get a bottle for one dollar, enough to preserve fifty dozen eggs. Try it once and you will always like it.

The new fire alarm system is being installed, many boxes being up at present. The new alarm when completed will register the number of the box from where alarm was turned in, which will be a great improvement to this city.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for sheriff of Crawford County on the Republican ticket, and will if nominated and elected use every effort to fulfill the duties of the office to meet the approval of the public.

I. H. RICHARDSON.

Jake Trueson Sec. 16, town 27 N. R. 1 west has 12 acres of alfalfa, which was sown the first of June, and has a good thick stand, and from 6 to 8 inches in height. He has all kinds of faith in the virtue of this "Plain Soil."

Miss Alma Peck returned Saturday from visiting her uncle, Mr. L. D. Sewell, in Montcalm County for the past two months. Bud Kilday visited Mr. and Mrs. Chiles Mc Kay in Midland county on her way. Alma is greatly improved in health.

Mrs. F. Ayers returned last week from a two week outing at Mt. Pleasant. She was accompanied home from Gaylord City by Mrs. O. R. Finck for a two days time with old friends here, and Masters Floyd Gilkey and Ben Heckathorn, who will help him better try to raise himself by lifting up his boot straps.

Horatio S. Earle, "Good Roads Earle," would-be Governor Earle made a megaphone speech at a "comfortable" town at the depot Friday morn while the flyer going south was waiting. He told in a few words what he would do if elected, and in a few more words lambasted Warler, and in a manner which would please their enemies and the Democrats. No like Mr. Earle personally and believe he has done more for good roads than any man in Michigan and is entitled to credit for it, but we do not believe that any man ever gained a position of eminence by abusing his opponents. He might better try to raise himself by lifting up his boot straps.

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Card of Thanks.

We express our sincere thanks to friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and final obsequies of our beloved daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Roberts.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for their kindness to my wife during her illness and death. Also for the beautiful floral offerings and sympathy to myself and wife.

HENRY KRUECK.

BUY NOW!

We do not offer you anything for nothing, but we do offer you an opportunity to buy goods at close cut prices, which are figures regardless of cost.

1 Water Set in which one tumbler is broken, regular price \$1.90, to close out	\$1.25
1 Water Set, pitcher broken	.75
1 Wine Set, one glass broken	2.25
1 Bookcase, second hand, a good value (W.D.)	4.00
1 Sideboard and China Closet combined, regular \$36.25, closing out price (W.D.)	27.00
1 Kitchen Cabinet Top, panel doors (W.D.)	3.75
1 Kitchen Cabinet Top, sliding doors (W.D.)	3.25
1 Extension Table, second hand and without leaves (W.D.)	6.00
1 only Pillow, 2½ lb. pure odorless feathers, regular price \$3.45 per pair close out (W.D.)	1.50
1 Parlor Chair, Verona seat	3.75
1 Coil Bed Spring, size 3 ft. 4 inc. for wooden bed (W.D.)	2.00
1 Second hand Bookcase (W.D.)	1.65
1 Green-Couch, damaged a little by water (W.D.)	8.00
1 Red Couch, damaged in transit (W.D.)	11.00
1 Davenport, oak frame, covered in Mohair Plush, nothing but outside of leather, regular \$24.50, closing out (W.D.)	18.00
1 Large rocker, covered in Green Embossed Velour, regular \$18.00, closing out price (W.D.)	13.00
1 Fine Parlor Cabinet, damaged just a little, regular \$16.00 close out (W.D.)	10.00
1 Hot Water Stoker, white and gold ware (6 in.)	.45
1 W. W. Spring for child's bed, 3 ft. 6 in. (8 in.)	1.00
1 Oak Sideboard, a bargain bed for someone (8 in.)	10.00

The above prices are net cash. Five per cent more on time.

Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Remember!

That in buying your

Tea and Coffee

from us you not only buy the highest grade but you secure the freshest, because our stock is shipped every 30 days from importers and roasters, this fact alone accounts for our many sales.

Coffees.

Teas.

Avon Club	.35	Royal Garden	.50
San Marco	.25	Salada (black)	.30
Fashion Blend	.18	Monitor	.40

THE Bank Grocery, S. S. PHELPS JR., Prop'r.

Clover Seed

IS HIGH.

Therefore Try and Save it All.

The only successful way to do this is with a good buncher. We have one of the best bunchers and side delivery wind-rowers on the market, it will fit any mowing machine made, and work perfectly. We will sell you one and take clover seed to pay for same. This machine will save seed enough in harvesting three acres to pay for itself.

We handle every thing used on a farm in the tool, seed or hardware lines.

Call on Us, and get Used Right.

The S. B. Brott Implement Co.

Wellington, Michigan.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends and neighbors for their assistance and kind sympathy during the last moments of our little one. Also for the floral offerings in sympathy, tokens in remembrance of the little blossom who has been transplanted to the celestial gardens above.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ostrander

The Avalanche

S. PALMERTON, Publisher.

GRAYLING, MICHIGAN.

MAN KILLS STRANGE WOMAN.

Mystery in Murder and Suicide at Loudenville, Ohio.

M. B. Stein, manager of an automobile firm of Des Moines, Iowa, 23 years old, and Miss Hester Porter, 50, of Loudenville, Ohio, his wife's mother's sister, are dead as the result of a mysterious double murder, or murder and suicide, at Miss Porter's home. It is believed that Stein shot Miss Porter and then turned the revolver on himself. No motive is known, but it is thought that Stein may have been crazed by the heat. Stein's wife and her mother have been visiting in Loudenville, and Stein came on the first anniversary of his wedding. He had never been there before and never had seen Miss Porter before. He went with Mrs. Stein and her mother to Miss Porter's for dinner. Shortly after the meal Stein and Miss Porter went into another room and Mrs. Stein and her mother heard three shots. They went to see what was wrong and found the bodies of Miss Porter and Stein lying on the floor, a few feet apart, she with two wounds and he with one, each shot in the back of the head. A revolver lay on the floor between them. Miss Porter died almost immediately and Stein the same evening, neither having regained consciousness. Nobody had been near the house, so far as is known, except a man who had been painting. No suspicion attaches to him. There had been no difficulties between Stein and his wife or other members of the family.

GIRL STOLEN BY MASKED MEN.

Rancher's Daughter of 16 Spirited Away at Points of Pistols.

Mrs. Freda Bauer, aged 16, daughter of Conrad Bauer, a rancher living twelve miles east of Billings, Mont., was abducted Thursday night at the points of revolvers by two masked men. John S. Howard, known as champion rope thrower of the world, has been arrested, charged with aiding Ernest Huston in the alleged abduction of Miss Bauer. The authorities are searching for Huston and the young woman in the vicinity of Laurel. Two men rode up to the ranch, called Bauer out and covered him with pistols. Mrs. Bauer ran screaming to a neighbor's. When Mrs. Bauer returned the girl was gone, spirited from the rear of the house evidently by a third member of the party.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Progress of Pennant Race in Base Ball Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
W. L.	W.	L.
Pittsburg 64 39 Cincinnati 53		
New York 61 42 Boston 46	50	
Chicago 58 45 St. Louis 36	58	
Phil'delphia 56 44 Brooklyn 38	64	

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.		
W. L.	W.	L.
Detroit 63 40 Boston 50	53	
St. Louis 61 44 Phil'delphia 49	53	
Chicago 59 47 Washington 41	56	
Cleveland 50 44 New York 33	70	

WESTERN LEAGUE.		
W. L.	W.	L.
Omaha 68 45 Pueblo 49	90	
St. Louis 63 49 Denver 57	58	
Lincoln 61 32 Des Moines 39	73	

ST. PETERSBURG IN PERIL.

Cholera Threatens the City and Many Deaths Have Resulted.

During the last fortnight many cases of an intestinal disorder have been recorded in St. Petersburg, and the department of health published a report showing that in the first five days of the present week there had been 210 deaths from this cause. Last week there were 175 deaths from the same malady. The department declares officially that the city is threatened with cholera.

Barbers at Point of Gun.

Purring a chance roommate at Lincoln, Neb., for more than a mile, Col. Reuben Hurt of Sommerville, Ky., compelled the man to disrobe and surrender a suit of clothes belonging to the Kentuckian. The colonel then left the man, clad only in a white hand and a pair of shoes, on the banks of Salt creek.

Labour Leader Is Held.

Stephen C. Sumner, prominent labor leader, is held as an accessory to the attempted murder of Wirt R. Soyer, a Kensington, Ill., milk dealer, by a union "wrecking crew."

\$25,000 of Taxes Missing.

William Martin, Jr., tax collector of North Bay, Ont., is missing, and a warrant is out for his arrest. His books are alleged to show a shortage of \$25,000.

Launch Explodes; Four Drowned.

Four persons who leaped into the Pacific River at Newark, N. J., from a gasoline launch on which there had been an explosion, were drowned.

Gospel Singer Dies.

Ira D. Sankey, renowned evangelist and comrade of the late Dwight L. Moody, died in his home in Brooklyn.

Heavy Frost in North Dakota.

A heavy frost occurred at Medora, N. D., the other night. Grain is too far advanced for much damage.

Taft, Mont., Is Burned.

The entire town of Taft, Mont., with the exception of the postoffice, the construction company's warehouse, one grocery store and a saloon, was destroyed by fire. The blaze started from a forest fire. The loss is about \$75,000, with little insurance.

Insurance Man Is Drowned.

William Q. Hinz, aged 21, of Milwaukee, was drowned at Enterprise, Kan., while bathing in the Smoky Hill river. He was an insurance man.

Held-Up Man Killed.

Leopold Smith, alias William Fay, 42 years old, a well-known confidence man, according to the police, was shot and almost instantly killed by Larry McGraw, a bartender in the saloon of Peter Messinger, 206 West Adams street, Chicago, when he and two companions attempted to rob McGraw.

Blows Wife for Burglar.

Mistaking his wife who had got in to close a window for a burglar, George Parker, at Harper, Kan., shot her. The bullet severed the jugular vein, and death was practically instantaneous.

BUYS GRAVES FOR 8; SLAYS 2.

Religiously Creased Man Kills Son and Daughter and Trims Servants.

Insane through religious enthusiasm, Henry J. Duffy of Los Angeles murdered his son and daughter with an ax and then inflicted terrible wounds on his own throat with a razor. Duffy had cunningly planned the murders and suicide for weeks. He had gone to the cemetery, purchased a lot, caused three graves to be marked off and three tombstones to be erected at the head of them. His own grave was in the center, with that of his son to the left and that of his daughter to the right. The other night he attended a religious meeting and returned home in a state of frenzy. In the morning he rose early, seized a keen-bladed ax, entered the room where his son Fred lay sleeping and beheaded the young man with one blow. Rushing forth with a wild shout he dashed down the street to 451 Northwest Lake avenue, where his wife and daughter lived. Silently he entered. Mrs. Ada LaComb, the daughter, stood with her back to him. Without a word he swung his ax and cleaved the woman's skull. His wife fled through a rear door with her manic husband in pursuit. The woman escaped with the aid of neighbors, but not before she had received a severe gash on one arm from the ax. Duffy then drew a razor from his pocket and slashed his throat, inflicting injuries which will keep him in the hospital for a long time, even if he survives.

BARE PLOT TO ROB BIG STORES.

Pittsburg Employee and Mysterious Man Said to Have Taken \$50,000.

An alleged conspiracy of employees of mercantile establishments to rob their employers and which it is said has already resulted in the theft of over \$30,000 worth of goods from half a dozen firms in Pittsburg, has been unearthed and four arrests have been made, while others are expected to follow. E. B. Jenkins, William Lindsay and two other men whose names have not been given out, are under arrest, while sufficient confessions are said to have been made to warrant other arrests. Each of the men so far arrested was for at least six years a trusted employee of his firm and each works for a different concern. A mysterious man, whose identity has not been learned, is said to have been the head of the conspiracy to rob. Each day he would drive by the back doors of the stores where his confederates were employed and the goods they took were loaded into his covered wagon and hauled away. The men declare they do not know the mysterious man's name and could not identify him, as he never appeared twice in the same make-up. They say part of the time he wore a beard, sometimes was smooth shaven and once was disguised as a negro.

VAST PROJECT LAUNCHED.

Irrigation of More than a Million Acres in West Contemplated.

With the appearance in Salt Lake City the other day of Frank H. Buhl, the Sharon, Pa., millionaire, and George A. Baird of Idaho, news was given out concerning the launching of another great irrigation enterprise. The project involves nearly 800,000 acres along the Snake river in Idaho, west from the Little Salmon. When completed it will reclaim a district extending a distance of 150 miles west and covering more than a million acres on the south side of the Snake river. The main canal which supplies the Twin Falls tract is to be enlarged and carried across Little Salmon river canyon for 1,200 feet and at the height of 540 feet. A system of reservoirs is to be constructed on the new lands. These are intended to conserve 700 acres of the flood waters of the Snake river and to supply the ground around them. When this undertaking has been completed Mr. Buhl and his associates will have expended \$7,000,000 to \$8,000,000.

CASH FOR DEAD Mayor's Housekeeper.

Filing of the will of the late Robert Pratt, former mayor of Minneapolis, revealed a romance. A share in an estate valued at \$20,000 is left to Mary Bettin, Mr. Pratt's housekeeper, "who has agreed to become my wife," reads the will. Mr. Pratt's five sons and daughters by a former marriage share the estate with their father's fiancee, who receives \$2,000 in stock and a life policy for \$2,500.

TORNADO AT MANDAN, N. D.

A tornado struck Mandan, N. D., and damaged trees and buildings to the extent of \$50,000. A boy was picked up by the wind and carried three blocks. He was seriously bruised. The roof of the Inter Ocean Hotel, a three-story structure, was loosened and crushed into the dining-room. The Lemars Hotel was unroofed. Houses were tipped over and many windows were shattered.

Fugitive Cashier Dead.

A young man who died at La Follette, Tenn., about two weeks ago under peculiar conditions has been identified as L. A. Westford, cashier of a bank at Alma, Okla., who disappeared last January and was found to be a defaulter. When the man arrived at La Follette he seemed to be a nervous wreck. He was attacked by pneumonia and died in a few days.

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FOOT OF MINISTER IS HIS PLACE.

Mohamed Ali Bey, the Turkish minister, recovered his sight partially on his 80th birthday after having been totally blind for ten years. Mr. Bey, who lives in Jamaica, N. Y., has prayed constantly that sight be restored to him, and, he says, has never lost faith that his prayers would be answered. To test his renewed power of vision his daughter, Ella Bey, handed the family Bible to him. "A birthday gift from heaven," cried the old man, joyously. "I can read the words 'Holy Bible' on the cover." He cannot read fine print, but deciphers coarse print. He prays he may be able to read his Bible before he dies.

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FOUR CHILDREN DIE IN A FIRE.

Scenes of Panic at Gotham Tenement Blaze—Arrests in Charge.

Four children of one family dead and other persons seriously burned or injured is the record of a fierce blaze that swept through a crowded tenement in East 112th street, New York. Scores were carried down ladders from the blazing building by firemen and wild scenes of panic ensued as the acantly-clad tenants rushed to the street. The dead all were children of Vincenzo Sausto, junior of the house, aged from 8 months to 10 years. Frank Sausto, son of the janitor, is dying from burns, and Sausto and his wife are both suffering from severe burns. There were 150 persons in the building. When the firemen arrived ladders were run up the sides of the building and thirty persons were rescued by means of them. Many would not wait for the ladders and, crazed with fear, leaped to the street below. The police declared the fire was undoubtedly of incendiary origin, as a strong odor of kerosene was detected in the lower hall, where the blaze started. This fire is one of several fatal blazes that have recently terrorized that neighborhood. Two months ago thirteen persons were burned to death in a tenement house near by.

TO IMPROVE LOT OF FARMER.

Roosevelt Asks Four Experts to Make Inquiry and Report Results.

With a view to bringing about better social, sanitary and economic conditions on American farms, President Roosevelt has requested four experts on country life to make an investigation into the whole subject and to report to him with recommendations for improvements. The report, with any additional recommendations which the President himself may desire to make, will be incorporated in a message which he will send to Congress probably early next year. The men President Roosevelt has asked to act as an investigating committee are Prof. L. H. Bailey, of the New York College of Agriculture; Henry Wallace of Wallace's Farmer, Des Moines, Ia.; President Kenyon L. Butterfield of the Massachusetts Agricultural College; Gifford Pinchot, of the United States Forest Reserve, and Walter H. Page, editor of the World's Work, New York.

APPLE GROWERS PLAN A POOL.

Pittsburg Employers and Mysterious Man Said to Have Taken \$50,000.

An alleged conspiracy of employees of mercantile establishments to rob their employers and which it is said has already resulted in the theft of over \$30,000 worth of goods from half a dozen firms in Pittsburg, has been unearthed and four arrests have been made, while others are expected to follow. E. B. Jenkins, William Lindsay and two other men whose names have not been given out, are under arrest, while sufficient confessions are said to have been made to warrant other arrests. Each of the

Political Comment.

Mr. Bryan's Speech.

Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance is a plea in 6,000 words that the Democrats be given power to carry on the progressive work of reform begun by the Republicans under Theodore Roosevelt. This is either the ingenuousness of a native simplicity or it is sheer impudence.

The complaint lodged by Mr. Bryan against the Republican party is that it has done nothing, and that it will do nothing in the future. The Democratic leader is somewhat unfortunate in a quotation which appears early in his speech, unfortunate although he used it in an attempt to prove what he thinks is the hollowness of the promises it sets forth. The quoted words are from Mr. Taft's Cincinnati address and they run thus:

"The strength of the Republican cause in the campaign at hand is that we represent the policies essential to the reform of known abuses, to the continuance of liberty and true prosperity, and that we are determined, as our platform unequivocally declares, to maintain them and carry them on."

This is a pretty fair statement of the Taft intention, and as the party is bound to the letter and the spirit of the same declaration, Mr. Bryan is assuming more than either politics on politeness justifies when he charges insincerity and a set determination on the part of candidate and party to break the faith.

In his speech Mr. Bryan constantly asks the question, "Shall the people rule?" He can find the affirmative answer only in the rule of the party which he has twice led to defeat. He asks: "Shall the people control their own government and use that government for the protection of their rights and for the protection of their welfare? Or shall the representatives of predatory wealth prey upon a defenseless people, while the offenders secure immunity from subversive officials whom they raised to power by unscrupulous methods?"

The Republican party took the initiative in the work of reform that the Democratic candidate seems to hold so close at heart. Under President Roosevelt the work has gone on steadily, and it will go on just as steadily under President Taft. If Mr. Bryan has found anywhere among the people a feeling of distrust of the sincerity of purpose of the administration, or any sharp evidence of doubt of the integrity of the Taft promise of continued progress along the path of present achievement, he has penetrated a fifth-rate undiscovered part of these United States. It is not the sense of the people that this is the precise psychological moment for a change of leaders.

In the complaint of Mr. Bryan that the Republican party has not progressed fast enough with the reforms undertaken after the moral awakening of the people under the Roosevelt leadership, it is to be found one of the soundest reasons for the defeat of the Democratic party at the polls. Hasty and half-considered action defeats its own ends. Care that legitimate interests should not suffer is necessary in the work of securing true reform.

The Republican administration has gone about its work conservatively, but none the less effectively. Mr. Bryan would take the pace that recks nothing of the consequences to the law-abiding. It is the unchecked impatience that serves only destruction. In the future the wonder will be not that it took so long for a great party to correct conditions that had become intolerable, but that the time necessary was so short.

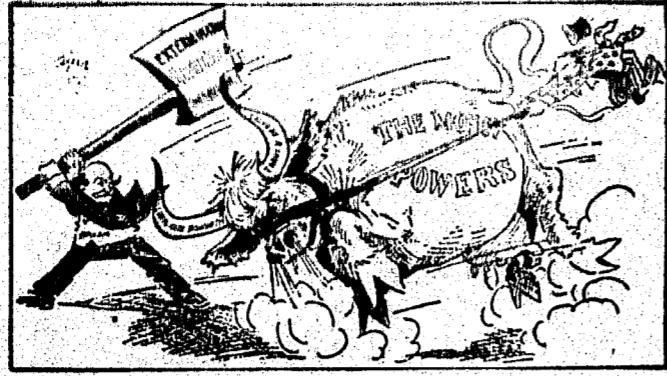
Of the Democratic platform Mr. Bryan says: "I indorse it in whole and in part, and shall, if elected, regard its declarations as binding upon me. It contains nothing from which I dissent, but it specifically outlines all the remedial legislation which we can hope to secure during the next four years."

Of the declaration of principles at Denver to which the Democratic candidate gives his resolute adherence, Mr. Taft said at Cincinnati: "The chief difference between the Democratic and the Republican platforms is the difference between Mr. Roosevelt's progressive and regressive policies and Mr. Bryan's destructive policies." Although Mr. Bryan has a word or two to say about safeguarding legitimate business interests in the day of the assault on malefactor corporations, there is little in his speech to show that Mr. Taft's judgment of the case between the platforms and the policies of the two parties was not based on sound reasoning.—Chicago Post.

Why Farmers Are Protectionists.

A favorite argument of the Free-Traders is to the effect that the tariff on manufactured articles results in the oppression of the farmers, but no evidence has ever been furnished to support the contention. The testimony on the other hand is overwhelming that the increasing prosperity induced by the promotion of the manufacturing industry in the United States has redounded more to the benefit of the American farmer than to those directly affected by the tariff. The increase in the value of American farm products from \$5,000,000,000 in 1903 to \$8,000,000,000 in 1908 conclusively establishes this assertion. The tremendous enlargement of the farmers' domestic market is directly responsible for this. Had the policy of the Free Traders prevailed things would have been different. In that event a constantly increasing surplus would have obliged the American agriculturist to market his products at any price he could get for them instead of being master of the situation, as he is at present. The American farmer knows this, and that is why he is a Protectionist by a large majority, except in a few benighted sections where the farmers are not sufficiently Americanized to grasp an economic fact, even when it is to their interest to do so.—San Francisco Chronicle.

WHAT TO DO WITH OLD BRINDLE.



BRYAN BELIEVES IN EXTERMINATION.



CHILD FAVORS DEHORNING AND DOMESTICATION.—Des Moines Register-Leader.

BETWEEN THE TWO PLATFORMS.

The Choice Must Be in Favor of the Principle of Protection.

There are differences, important and complete. Naturally, the treatment of the tariff problem is one of the most striking instances.

Both parties declare for a revision. The difference lies deeper. The Republicans stand firmly by the principle of protection. The Democrats, for once, are faithful to a historic party doctrine—tariff for revenue only.

Compared with earlier denunciations of the theory upon which the wealth of America has been built, the Democratic plank is mild and meek. But, after all ambiguous, vote-catching phrases, the determination remains clearly expressed to "restore the tariff to a revenue basis."

And here it is the time for the North American to say that were all other things equal—candidates, platforms and all else—those tariff planks alone would be enough to decide the course for this newspaper to pursue.

Long study of our history, of world conditions and our present and future national needs had bred in us the conviction that the tariff must be regulated primarily for protection purposes, with the thought of revenue secondary.

We believe that many existing schedules should be changed. This was the first of the Eastern metropolitan newspapers of the Republican faith to urge tariff revision. But, considering the history of free trade advocacy of the Democratic party, we would no more lend our influence to bring about the intrusting of tariff mending to its hands than we would give a machine of delicate mechanism, as a boy, to a fretful child.

We are as flatly opposed to the misuse of the tariff to uphold trusts as Mr. Bryan himself—or as Mr. Taft himself. But corrective legislation should be supplied rationally by believers in the principle of protection.

When we seek healing we call for the scalpel of the surgeon and not the sword of a foe.

We are for protection that will equalize the difference both of wages and conditions at home and abroad. We believe in periodical changes of schedules as conditions change. But in the Republican plan we see at least some faint promise of what the Democrats do not offer—the ultimate elimination of the tariff from political controversy.

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Gompers and the Labor Vote.

It is not strange that organized labor is resenting the intimation of President Samuel Gompers that he controls the votes of the workingmen and can deliver them in a bunch to Democracy or any other party. When Gompers makes the plea to union labor voters to "vote once for labor instead of for party" the appeal really means "vote once for Gompers."

It is fair to assume Mr. Gompers won his point at Denver because he agreed to pay the price; that is, he promised to deliver the labor vote to Bryan. He is now after the goods, but their delivery is quite another matter.

There is no labor vote to be handed over in a block. Organized workmen are citizens before they are unionists, and they vote as citizens. They will not be delivered in a body to Mr. Bryan, Mr. Taft or any other candidate for the personal aggrandizement of Mr. Gompers.

Leaders in the labor world are not slow in taking the position that Mr. Gompers does not represent them in things political. Henry White, the well-known labor leader and formerly general secretary of the United Garment Workers of America, says:

"I am afraid that shodown will once more prove, and in a way that will be most convincing, that the labor vote cannot be delivered to anybody. Union people think about the same that others do. Because a man is a member of a trade union for trade benefits he does not hand over his right to judge political questions to anyone who happens to be at the head."

James W. Dougherty, Secretary-Treasurer of the Brotherhood of Bookbinders, puts the situation in a nutshell when he says that "the labor men who are Republicans will vote the Republican ticket, those who are Democrats will vote the Democratic ticket. In short, the labor leaders themselves are free in expressing the opinion that Mr. Gompers' efforts to influence the votes of organized labor will prove unavailing.

Previous attempts to set aside a certain class to be voted in a block for

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LAW STUDENT HELD FOR THEFT.

Illinois Boy at Michigan University Admits Taking Books.

Clyde E. Lewis of Casey, Ill., is under arrest charged with the larceny of thirteen volumes from the law library of the University of Michigan valued at \$44. Other stolen books found in Lewis' room bring the value of the entire collection up to \$150. Lewis has been doing stenographic work for Professor Wilgus at the professor's rooms, and several valuable books from the Wilgus private library were found among the other stolen property. Lewis is a 1910 law student and was considered an unusually bright young man. To the prosecuting attorney he admitted taking the books from the law library and said he didn't know why he did it. He demanded an examination when taken before Justice Doty, and in default of \$500 bail is now in jail.

IONIA CITY HALL BURNS.

Opera House and Dwelling Site Also Damaged.

At 2 o'clock on a recent morning the old city hall building in Ionia was discovered in flames, and before the department could get there it was in flames from top to bottom. Twenty minutes later the building collapsed. Fortunately no one was injured. The opera house and a dwelling were also damaged. Two weeks before the old city hall building was moved across the street to make way for the new city hall and was set on blocks adjoining the opera house on the west side of First street. Later it was announced that the Secretary of the Treasury had accepted the bid for that site for the new postoffice. It was then planned to move the old building again to another site, where it was to be used for a fire barn. The opera house building was damaged \$200, but as this is also to be repaired.

SECOND VALJEAN CAUGHT.

Muskogon Man, Recently Married, Must Leave Wife and Home.

With a recently wedded wife in a comfortable home known as a hard-working man, and supposedly safe from the clutches of officers, Robert F. McCullough, who broke jail two years ago at Defiance, Ohio, was arrested in Muskegon and confessed his crime. He will go back, don prison stripes and, leaving his sorrowing young wife in Muskegon, will serve out a sentence that he could not endure two years ago. Chief of Police Dowd and Detective Peterson were scanning circulars of wanted jail breakers and thieves and four hours after the circular was received McCullough had been arrested through the resemblance the circular photo bore to him.

GIVES CANDY FOR VOTES.

Other Candidates Use Kites and Caps for the Boys.

Novel bids for support are figuring in the campaign for office in Delta county this summer. One aspirant for the nomination for prosecuting attorney is making use of huge kites to carry off appropriately inscribed banners. Another candidate is distributing to the boys of the county 5,000 caps advertising the fact that he is in the field. Now a third seeker of public office—Attorney Clyde Hayden, who is out for probate judge—is giving away to the juvenile population paper bags filled with candy and nuts. Printed on the bags is an appeal for support.

TRAIN HITS CAR; SIX HURT.

Grand Trunk Flyer Was Not Seen on Account of Rain.

Six men were injured severely, but probably not fatally, when fast incoming Grand Trunk passenger train from Port Huron struck and wrecked a Harper Avenue plug line street car in Detroit. A blinding rainstorm which was prevailing was responsible for the conductor of the car not seeing the train. The car was directly across the railroad tracks when it was hit and was smashed to pieces, the passengers being hurled in every direction.

CARRIES FLAMING STOVE.

Boy Burns Self to Save House from Destruction.

When a gasoline stove at the home of W. D. Garvin in Oscoda exploded, igniting the wood work, Leo Adams, a 14-year-old boy, rushed into the place, grasped the flaming stove and carried it out of doors. His hands, arms and legs were badly burned, but he will recover. The boy's prompt action, perhaps, saved the house from destruction and its owner rewarded him handsomely.

FLAMES DESTROY FARMS.

Child Playing with Matches Causes One Fire.

Playing with matches, the 5-year-old daughter of Louis Grovesinger, living seven miles northeast of Marshall, set fire to the house which was totally destroyed, together with the farm barn and contents and a large quantity of hay and grain. Mrs. Grovesinger's mother, aged 85, who recently sustained a broken hip, begged to be left to die in the house, but she was carried out. The loss is about \$3,000, insurance \$1,500.

MANSFIELD GIRL LOSES LIFE.

Miss Kate Hall, Popular Teacher, the Victim of Lake Swims.

Miss Kate Hall, daughter of W. R. Hall, prominent druggist of Mansfield, drowned while bathing in Portage Lake. She was a good swimmer and it is supposed that she was seized with cramps while in deep water. The body was recovered two hours later. Miss Hall was 27 years old. She was a teacher in the public schools and very popular and her death cast a gloom over the whole community.

PILLS Fatal to Babe.

The 11-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brooks, Grand Rapids, ate ten little cathartic pills in Lansing, dying as a result. The child overhaled the contents of his mother's satchel and obtained the pills which he ate.

BABY City Lad Drowns.

William J. Dunn, 17 years old, drowned while swimming with a crowd of boys in the river at Bay City. He made no outcry and is thought to have been taken with cramps. Though his body was recovered in twenty minutes, efforts to resuscitate him failed.

Will Get Good Roads Money.

As the result of building three miles of macadam road the county treasury will be enriched by \$4,500 "Good Roads" money which the State of Michigan gives as a bonus for good road purposes.

Shoots Sister and Hides.

While playing with a rifle at Bettie, 10-year-old Willie Dillinger accidentally shot his sister Dollie, aged 6 years, through the right wrist. Her brother was so horrified by the accident that he ran to a neighboring woods and for a long time remained in hiding.

May Kill Campion.

Little Dan Phillips, of Cherry Grove, did not know the gun he pointed at Clara Morgan was loaded. Clara is dead, the tip of his head being blown off by the discharge of the gun. The boys were neighbors and each about 12 years old.

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Teacher—Pars—“court.” Pupil—“Court” a verb, active, indicative mood, present tense, and agrees with all the girls in the neighborhood.—Tit-Bits.

Father—Got a fall, did you? Well, I hope you didn't cry like a baby. Son—No, dad, I didn't cry. I just said one word—the same as you'd have said.—Punch.

“What sort of a looking chap is Gussey?” “Well, if you ever see two men in a corner and one looks bored to death, the other one is Gussey.”—London Opinion.

Mother (crossly)—Tommy, haven't I told you you must not talk when I am talking? Tommy—But, mamma, you won't let me stay up after you go to bed!—Sketch.

“Do you think he can afford to keep an auto?” “He ought to. He's been an amateur photographer for three years and that didn't break him.”—Detroit Free Press.

Stranger—Been a cyclone or an earthquake round here recently? Officer—Naw—that hyer's a college town, an 'ne of the students had a birthday party.—Harper's Weekly.

Mistress—Now, remember, Bridget, Joneses are coming for dinner. Cook—Leave it to me, mum. I'll do my worst! They'll never trouble you again!—Illustrated Bits.

“You say you acted like a perfect lady throughout?” “Sure, yes; honor; when he tips his hat to me an' me not knowin' him, I upa with a rock an' caves in his face.”—Houston Post.

Medium (impressively)—It's the spirit of your late husband, madam. He wishes to speak with you. Mrs. Peck—It can't be poor Henry; he never had no spirit.—Boston Transcript.

Teacher—What is it, Tom? Tom—Jimmy's swearing! Teacher—What did he say? Tom—Well, marin, if you say over all the curse words you know, I'll tell you when you come to it.—Kansas City Star.

American globe-trotter—Talk about traveling. Why, in America trains go so fast that it takes two people to talk about ‘em—one to say “Here she comes,” and the other to say “There she goes.”—The Sketch.

Mrs. O'Hoolihan—This payper says there do be sermons in sthones. Whfat d'yez think at that? O'Hoolihan—Ol dunno about the sermons, but many a good ar'gument has com out av a brick, Ol'm thinkin'.—Chicago News.

“Tell you,” said Sinnick, “men are getting so deceitful these days that you can't trust your friends!” “And what's worse,” interrupted Burroughs, gloomily, “you can't get your best friends to trust you.”—Philadelphia Press.

“Boo,” remarked the boyhood friend, “you are in the swim.” “Mother and the girls think I am,” answered Mr. Cumxox. “But my personal feelings are those of a man who has fallen overboard and ought to be hollering for help.”—Washington Star.

Teacher—If you are kind and polite to your playmates, what will be the result? Scholar—They'll think they can lick me!—Philadelphia Inquirer.

He—That fellow over there cheated me out of a cool million. She—How could he? He—Wouldn't let me marry his daughter.—The Pathfinder.

“Just this way, sir,” said the courteous clerk in the railroad ticket office. “Let me show you some summer guides entitled ‘Where to Go’ and ‘When to Go.’ ” The man with the modest income shook his head. “They don’t interest me,” he sighed

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**The
Kiteologist**

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Just come up on the roof, sir, and I'll show you the cage and tell you all that I know about the professor, but before we go a step further let me warn you that I don't believe a word of what the newspapers printed about him. No, sir, I won't and can't believe that such a true gentleman as the professor always showed himself to be could have deliberately set out to rob the government of over \$16,000. It's preposterous to think of, but it's just like the newspapers to make the matter as sensational as possible.

Take care you don't tear your coat on that nail. I'll have my boy pull it out when he comes home from school. Now, sir, step this way, and you can see for yourself how innocent the professor was of any evil intentions. Look! Do you think this flat tire root looks like a robber's root? It's ridiculous; yet to read the newspapers you would think that we landlords are the friends of robbers, and all manner of thieves. We landlords have a hard enough struggle to live, without the newspapers making it any harder for us.

Yes, sir, this is the cage where the professor kept his three big eagles, and now I'll tell you how he came to stop with me, and why he had such strange-like pets. You see, I had just lately taken this house and had spent the last dollar I had in the world in furnishing it, and was glad enough to have such a nice gentleman as the professor come along the second day after I put up my sign and ask if I hadn't a furnished front room to let, with running water and a good deep closet where he could keep his clothes.

Well, sir, I snapped him up at once, as I could see he was a gentleman, and, besides, he looked neat and prosperous, and I felt I wouldn't have to



They Grabbed the Bags of Gold and Flew to the Roof.

worry about him not paying his rent in time. But before he took the room he asked if he couldn't go up on the roof and see if it would suit him for a certain purpose. I was somewhat surprised at him wanting to rent the roof, but thinking him a photographer, or something like that, I brought him up here and he was real pleased. So he told me his business, and I rented this roof to him without any hesitation at all. It isn't every day one can rent a scrap of roof for more than a good sunny front room, and you can't blame me for doing so.

Well, sir, he was a kiteologist, as he told me. He flew kites to study the winds and the temperature at a great height. He wasn't in the employ of the government, but was studying on his own account. He took his silk hat off and sat down right over there, and explained all about it to me. His kites weren't like those that the boys fly, nor were they like I have seen pictures of in the papers—great big box-like things—but they were eagles—real live eagles. He had three of them, and he would attach a strong string to their legs and let them fly up into the heavens with a thermometer and barometer attached, or some such-like scientific instruments, and when he was ready, he would gently draw them down again.

Well, sir, it was a pleasure to hear him talk; he knew everything about eagles and kites and the heavens, and of course I consented for him to bring his birds and fly them from my roof, not supposing the landlord I get the house from would care at all. Which I can say, he didn't. So the next day the professor came with his three eagles and placed them up here on the roof in that big cage, and it was good to see how he did love those birds, and play with them, and teach them all kinds of tricks. My gracious, set they were strong! I really think the smallest of the three could have lifted a big child in its claws; and the professor explained how that they must be strong to carry his scientific instruments so high in the air.

Well, a week passed and he didn't fly his eagles, for he was waiting for them to get accustomed to their new location, so they would return like carrier doves in case the string tied to their legs got broken; and at the end of the week, before the professor could try his experiment at all, that dreadful accident happened, which the papers made so much of, and which frightened the professor, who was timid, like all real scientific men, so that he never came back, even for his clothes.

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BIG POULTRY SHOW Of 1st and 2nd class, will be reported with many new entries.

HORTICULTURAL DEPT. Look for the results of the favorable season in this state for fruit and kindred products.

FAST NEW TRACK RACES \$1,000 for Race Purses

will balance the attractive features of the Fair, and one of the fairest in the country.

EVENTS ARE ON THE RACING CARD.

VISIT THE GREAT MIDWAY Many of the best attractions from the New York World's Fair will locate the Midway. Everything will be clean and orderly, and the most attractive nature will be permitted on the grounds.

DARING JACK DALLAS Will make 21 flights with his big air ship—three daily, two by daylight, one at night followed by a powerful searchlight. Jack Dallas is the only one who dares to make flights at night.

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You see, just across the street from here is the subtreasury, and every little while a wagon drives up to the door filled with big canvas bags full of gold, and the clerks will come out and get the gold and carry it into the vaults. Well, on Tuesday morning, just after I had finished some washing and was going out to get a new handle to my iron, which had got broken, the wagon drove up before the subtreasury door and the clerks began to take out the sacks of gold and carry them into the bank.

I can truly say that I'm not by nature a covetous woman, but, naturally, I paused and watched the men moment or two, thinking what I could do if I had what was in just one of those sacks. Why, there must have been as much as \$4,000 or \$5,000 in each sack, and there were dozens of them, I believe.

Suddenly, as I was standing there, a darkness seemed to come over the sun, and at the same time a strange flying sound made me look up, and there were the professor's three eagles broken loose from the cage—I felt real sorry for the professor, to think that his birds had got loose—and down they came and lit on the wagon full of gold. I lifted up my apron to shoo them back to the roof, when I saw those three mischievous birds didn't settle right down into the bags full of gold, and each one grab a bag in his claws, like I saw them grab a bag with a dead rabbit in it on the roof one day, and no sooner had they grabbed the bags of gold than up they flew that they had imagined.

Ethereal vs. Mundane. Two men sat on a park bench one sunny evening recently, says the New York Times. Through powerful glasses they were examining the firmament. It was apparent that one of them was an enthusiastic astronomer. He seemed sufficiently familiar with the smallest star to call it by its first name—that is, if stars have first names.

Drawing his companion's attention to a particular star in close proximity to the handle of the dipper, he said: "Perhaps you may be able to appreciate the immensity of distance between that star and our earth when I say it would take more than 100 years for it to reach us in a 40-horsepower automobile running at full speed to reach it."

By the quality of awe in his friend's voice, it was plain that he was unusually impressed, as he said: "No? A hundred years? Why, man, thing of the gasoline bill!"

Law Against Teeth and Hair. There was a law once against false teeth," said the antiquary, flashing his superb set in a wide smile. "Yes, and if your wife 'wore false teeth' or hair you could divorce her."

He took down a curious old book to prove his statement, and read the following from a British act of parliament of 1670:

"That all women of whatever age, rank, profession or degree, whether virgins, maidens or widows, that shall virgin from the passing of this act impose upon, seduce and betray into matrimony any of his majesty's male subjects, by scents, paints, cosmetics, washes, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, hoops or high-heeled shoes, shall incur the penalty of the laws pov[er] if they again: that the birds had taken the gold and climbed

DAN PATCH, 1:55^{1/2}

The fastest harness horse in the world will endeavor to break his own record Tuesday, September 8th. Mr. Hersey, his driver, says that he has no fear of the record being broken, and that he and his team will do it, and our new track is the fastest in the United States. No extra charge for this event.

FREE SHOWS There will be free shows in front of grand stand between race heats and in the evening. These shows include:

SPELMAN'S TROOP OF PERFORMING BEARS JAMES D. SPALDING, Manager. **DAIRY SHEEP AND GOATS** **ELWOOD'S AERIAL ARTISTS** **WOODFORD'S PERFORMING HORSES AND PFERDS** **CIVETTE'S CIRCUS AND ACT**

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